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SUBJECT: TRAVEL ADVISORIES

FOR PPT/F, CA, AND NEA/EGY

1. EGYPTIAN PRESS REPORTED AUGUST 21 THAT STRICT HEALTH MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN TOWARDS PASSENGERS COMING FROM SYRIA, IRAQ, IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA, SOMALIA, AND SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES, TO PREVENT INFILTRATION OF CHOLERA INTO EGYPT. ALL LAND, SEA, OR AIR PASSENGERS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER EGYPT WITHOUT VALID CHOLERA VACCINATIONS IN WHO VACCINATION BOOKLETS ARE TO BE EXAMINED MEDICALLY PRIOR TO BEING GRANTED ENTRY, ACCORDING TO PRESS. EGYPTIAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS CONFIRMED REPORT.

2. IN PAST, EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN VERY STRICT IN ENFORCING QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS ON TRAVELERS FROM SUSPECTED CHOLERA COUNTRIES; LAST FALL, FOR EXAMPLE,
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SEVERAL GROUPS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS WERE REQUIRED TO SPEND 24-36 HOURS AT AIRPORT QUARANTINE FACILITY BEFORE BEING PERMITTED TO ENTER EGYPT, WITH DISASTROUS RESULTS FOR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND TOURIST MORALE.

3. IT IS THEREFORE SUGGESTED THAT TRAVEL ADVISORY, DEGREE "URGENT", BE PUBLISHED AND GIVEN GENERAL DISTRIBUTION.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE OF HEW SHOULD ALSO BE NOTIFIED.

4. SUGGESTED LANGUAGE OF ADVISORY: "THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN CAIRO REPORTS THAT THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT IS TAKING STRICT MEASURES TO PREVENT INFILTRATION OF CHOLERA INTO EGYPT, ESPECIALLY FROM SYRIA, IRAQ, IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA, SOMALIA, AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHERE CHOLERA MAY BE PREVALENT. ALL VISITORS ARRIVING IN EGYPT FROM ANY OF THE ABOVE-NAMED COUNTRIES, WHO DO NOT HAVE VALID CHOLERA VACCINATIONS IN INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED "WHO" VACCINATION BOOKLETS, WILL BE SUBJECTED TO MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND POSSIBLE QUARANTINE. ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS PLANNING TO ENTER EGYPT AFTER A VISIT OR TRANSIT OF ANY OF THE SUSPECT COUNTTIES ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO HAVE CURRENT CHOLERA VACCINATIONS."

4. PROPOSED EXPIRATION DATE: AFTER 90 DAYS, UNLESS UP-DATED. EILTS

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